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Fire Restrictions on the Klamath National Forest Terminated for the Season

YREKA, CA – Recent weather conditions have lessened the fire danger on the Klamath National Forest and fire restrictions will be terminated effective September 24, 2010 on the Forest.

Forest officials stress that the Northern California fire season is not over and care and common sense must still be used when in the Forest. The larger fuels, such as logs remain fairly dry and have not been as affected by the recent rains. The potential for wild land fires still exists and visitors to the forest should remember to never leave campfires unattended.

This is the time of year hunters, firewood cutters and mushroom pickers are more common in the forest. Many of these visitors camp overnight and enjoy an evening campfire. The termination of the Forest's fire restrictions allows visitors to have open campfires or camp stoves, as well as use welding equipment, operate internal combustion engines, and smoke. A valid California Campfire Permit is still required in order to have a campfire. Permits are available at all of the Klamath National Forest offices as well as the CAL FIRE offices or fire stations.

Other nearby National Forests and lands protected by CAL FIRE may have different weather patterns and could still have fire restrictions in effect. Visitors are encouraged to contact other fire protection agencies directly and know where they are, in terms of land ownership and management when in the forest.

For more information concerning campfire building, extinguishing, monitoring, and minimizing negative campfire impacts, please visit a local Forest Service office or the Forest's website at www.fs.usda.gov/klamath.